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TO: THE HONORABLE RICHARD H. CHAMBERS, CHIEF JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT, AND TO THE HONORABLE CIRCUIT JUDGES:

Petition for Writ of *Habeas Corpus* in the above-entitled cause was entered in the docket on Nov. 16, 1965."

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

In researching the law for this appeal, it was discovered that appellant, Ramon Novarro, had not exhausted all of his remedies below. Appellant Novarro had the right to move the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division, for an Order allowing him to amend his petition for a writ of habeas corpus. If not for the fact that jurisdiction is presently vested in this Honorable Court, the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division, would be empowered to grant said motion. In researching further, appellant discovered that, not only did the United States District Court have the power to grant an amendment of his petition, but, it was obligated, under the pleadings, as they stood, to grant, at the very least, a hearing on an order to show cause why a writ of habeas corpus should not issue. The rationale on the latter view is as follows:

The United States Code, Title 28, Section 2251 states

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that a restraining order MAY (emphasis ours) be granted pending determination of an application for writ of habeas corpus. Clearly, this is not a mandatory provision, the word "may" creating a permissible climate for granting a restraining order. On August 20, 1965, the Honorable Jesse W. Curtis, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division, signed and issued a restraining order prohibiting officials of the State of California from taking further proceedings against the liberty of petitioner and appellant herein. This Order is noted on page 11 of the Transcript of Record on Appeal to this Honorable Court. The first paragraph of the aforementioned Order reads as follows:

"GOOD CAUSE APPEARING upon reading the Petition of Ramon Novarro for Writ of Habeas Corpus or, in the alternative, for an order staying and restraining the execution of sentence, or for bail, and points and authorities attached thereto, on file herein . . "

The Honorable Jesse W. Curtis then signed the Order.

The United States Code, Title 28, Section 2243, reads, in part, as follows:

"A court, justice or judge entertaining an application for a writ of habeas corpus SHALL (emphasis ours) forthwith award a writ or issue an order directing the respondent to show cause why the writ

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should not be granted, unless it appears from the application that the applicant or person detained is not entitled thereto."

The aforementioned Section 2243 contains the word "shall." Clearly, this is a mandatory provision.

This cause was transferred from the Honorable Jesse W. Curtis, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division, to the Honorable Leon R. Yankwich, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division. Judge Yankwich neither awarded the writ nor did he issue an Order directing respondent to show cause why the writ should not be issued, nor did he allow petitioner and appellant herein to amend his application for writ of habeas corpus.

Since Judge Curtis stated that there was good cause showing to issue a restraining order under the United States Code, Title 28, Section 2251, a non-mandatory provision, the procedure for determination of the merit of the petition for habeas corpus came under the mandatory provisions of the United States Code, Title 28, Section 2243, i.e., either issue a writ or order a hearing on the merits. This was not done.

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In summation, the only basis for the court's order denying the petition for writ of *habeas corpus* without a hearing is that the application therefor shows on its face that the applicant is not entitled thereto.

United States Code, Title 28, Section 2243.

Counsel for appellant, upon discovering the aforementioned cases, and bearing in mind the United States Code, Title 28, Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 15(a) (to wit, that amendments to pleadings should be liberally construed), approached the Honorable Leon R. Yankwich with his findings. Judge Yankwich, upon hearing counsel for appellant herein, stated that if jurisdiction were to be revested in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division, he would, upon motion being made, order the proceedings reopened in order to allow appellant herein to amend his petition for writ of habeas corpus and would either issue the writ or order a hearing as to why a writ of habeas corpus should not be issued, providing the amended petition showed constitutional grounds.

Counsel for respondent, Robert C. Lynch, a staff member of the Office of the County Counsel of the County of Los Angeles, was notified of this turn of events and

agreed to sign a stipulation to dismiss the appeal pending before this Honorable Court, without prejudice, if - and only if - the Office of the City Attorney of the City of Los Angeles concurred.

The Office of the City Attorney of the City of Los Angeles refused and still refuses to sign said stipulation.

Inasmuch as the only manner of dismissing an appeal before this Honorable Court, without prejudice, is Rule 14 of the Rules of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (to wit, both parties, appellant and respondent must so stipulate), and inasmuch as respondent's counsel fails and refuses to stipulate, respondent compels this Honorable Body to determine a constitutional question which is premature, and which, depending upon the determination of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division, upon a hearing on an amended petition for a writ of habeas corpus, might be totally unnecessary. It is appellant's position that the Honorable United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division, must, as a matter of law, grant a hearing on the petition as submitted without amendment. Nevertheless, appellant does not wish to impose upon that Honorable Body and would

gladly amend his petition for a writ of habeas corpus in conformance with the request of the Honorable Leon R. Yankwich, in order to get a final hearing on the merits.

Appellant, therefore, respectfully requests this Honorable Court to dismiss this appeal, without prejudice, or, in the alternative, either to (1) order the United States District Court to hear and determine the merits of the petition for writ of habeas corpus, or (2) order said District Court to allow appellant herein to amend his petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

There exists in the decision of the United States
District Court a failure to follow mandatory provisions
of federal procedure. Further, the Fourteenth Amendment
to the Constitution of the United States guarantees to
appellant equal protection of the law and his right not
to be deprived of his liberty without due process of law.

FEDERAL STATUTES INVOLVED

Title 28, U. S. Code, Section 2243, reads, in part as follows:

"A court, justice or judge entertaining an application for a writ of habeas corpus shall forthwith award a writ or issue an order directing the respondent to show cause why the writ should not be granted, unless it appears from the application that the applicant or person detained is not entitled thereto."

Title 28, U. S. Code, Section 2251, reads, in part, as follows:

"A justice or judge of the United States before whom a habeas corpus proceeding is pending, may, before final judgment or after final judgment of discharge, or pending appeal, stay any proceeding against the person detained in any State court or by or under the authority of any State for any matter involved in the habeas corpus proceeding."

STATE OF CALIFORNIA STATUTES INVOLVED

Applicable paragraphs of the Vehicle Code of the State of California read as follows:

Section 40300: Application of chapter.

"The provisions of this chapter shall govern all peace officers in making

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arrests for violations of this code without a warrant for offenses committed in
their presence, but the procedure prescribed herein shall not otherwise be
exclusive of any other method prescribed
by law for the arrest and prosecution
of a person for an offense of like grade."

Section 40301: Procedure.

"Except as provided in this chapter, whenever a person is arrested for any violation of this code declared to be a felony, he shall be dealt with in like manner as upon arrest for the commission of any other felony."

Section 40302: Mandatory appearance.

"Whenever any person is arrested for any violation of this code, not declared to be a felony, the arrested person shall be taken without unnecessary delay before a magistrate within the county in which the offense charged is alleged to have been committed and who has jurisdiction of the offense and is nearest or most accessible with reference to the place where the arrest is made in any of the following cases:

- "(a) When the person arrested fails to exhibit his driver's license or other satisfactory evidence of his identity.
- "(b) When the person arrested refuses to give his written promise to appear in court.
- "(c) When the person arrested demands an immediate appearance before a magistrate.
- "(d) When the person arrested is charged with violating Section 20001, 23102, 23105 or 23106."

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Section 40306: Misdemeanor procedure before magistrate.

- "(a) Whenever a person is arrested for a misdemeanor and is taken before a magistrate, the arresting officer shall file with the magistrate a complaint stating the offense with which the person is charged. (Emphasis ours.)
- "(b) The person taken before a magistrate shall be entitled to at least five days continuance of his case in which to plead and prepare for trial and the person shall not be required to plead or be tried within the five days unless he waives such time.
- "(c) The person taken before a magistrate shall thereupon be released from custody upon his own recognizance or upon such bail as the magistrate may fix."

Section 40307: Magistrate unavailable.

"(a) When an arresting officer attempts to take a person arrested for a misdemeanor violation of this code before a magistrate and the magistrate or person authorized to act for him is not available, the arresting officer shall take the person arrested before the clerk of the magistrate or the officer in charge of the most accessible county jail, city jail, or other place of detention within the county, who shall admit him to bail in accordance with a schedule, fixed as provided in Section 1269(b) of the Penal Code."

Section 15: "Shall" and "may."

"'Shall' is mandatory and 'may' is permissive."

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Section 23102: Misdemeanor drunk driving.

- "(a) It is unlawful for any person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor, or under the combined influence of intoxicating liquor and any drug, to drive a vehicle upon any highway. Any person convicted under this section shall be punished upon a first conviction by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty days nor more than six months or by fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or by both such fine and imprisonment and upon a second or any subsequent conviction by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than five days nor more than one year and by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). A conviction under this section shall be deemed a second conviction if the person has previously been convicted of a violation of Section 23101 of this code.
- "(b) Any person convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this section shall not be granted probation by the court, nor shall the court suspend the execution of the sentence imposed upon such person."

Section 23101: Felony drunk driving.

"Any person who, while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, drives a vehicle and when so driving does any act forbidden by law or neglects any duty imposed by law in the driving of such vehicle, which act or neglect proximately causes bodily injury to any person other than himself is guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than one year nor more than five years or in the county jail for not less than ninety days

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same from the application for the writ?

- 2) The statute under which petitioner was convicted clearly and unequivocally states that only an arresting officer may swear out a complaint against an accused (our emphasis). In the present case, the arresting officer did not swear out a complaint against your appellant. Does failure to conform to the particular type of statute in question, by State authorities, constitute a violation of due process and equal protection as provided by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution?
- 3) When a State provides procedural safeguards to an accused and then disregards those safeguards in bringing a person to trial, does this - in and of itself - constitute a violation of the equal-protection and due-process clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution?
- 4) When officials of a State, in bringing a criminal proceeding against a defendant, break the laws of said State which provides procedural safeguards for the protection of said defendant, does this in and of itself constitute a violation of due process and equal protection as provided by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
 - 5) May evidence be used against a defendant at his

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trial which consists, in part, of alleged statements made by him and transcribed into a police report, when said statements were elicited without advising said defendant of his right to counsel or his right to remain silent?

STATEMENT OF THE FACTS

On February 20, 1962, appellant Novarro was arrested by police officers R. E. Hattey and E. J. Jewell, taken to the police station in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and charged with violation of Vehicle Code Section 23102. A verified complaint, filed upon information and belief, was later filed by one J. W. Fletcher, who was not one of the arresting officers nor a witness to the arrest. A motion to dismiss the complaint on the ground of lack of jurisdiction, because the complaint was filed on information and belief and not by one of the arresting officers, was made before trial on March 21, 1962, and was denied on March 26, 1962, in Division 70 of the Municipal Court of Los Angeles Judicial District in a minute order holding that the said court had jurisdiction of the cause and ordering the trial of the defendant, appellant herein, to proceed. On March 26, 1962, the said court found appellant quilty of a violation of said Vehicle Code Section 23102(a)

and continued the matter for sentencing and did sentence appellant, on June 26, 1962, to fifteen days in the county jail of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, plus a fine of \$250. At the trial, appellant stood on his motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction, and the case was submitted to the Municipal Court on the arrest report.

Appellant filed a petition for a writ of prohibition in the Superior Court of the State of California, for the County of Los Angeles, No. 794977, and an amended petition for writ of prohibition with the said Superior Court, which was denied without hearing on June 15, 1962.

Appellant filed a petition for writ of prohibition with the District Court of Appeal of the State of California, Second Appellate District, 2nd Civil No. 26535, which petition was denied by the said court on June 25, 1962, without opinion.

Appellant petitioned for a hearing before the Supreme Court of the State of California from a denial of the writ of prohibition by the District Court of Appeal. Said petition for hearing was denied by the Supreme Court of the State of California, on July 25, 1962, without opinion.

An appeal from the decision of the Municipal Court

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of the Los Angeles Judicial District was not filed on behalf of appellant Novarro until notice by the California Supreme Court of its denial, on July 26, 1962; said appeal was dismissed by the Appellate Department of the Superior Court of the State of California, for the County of Los Angeles, on its own motion on August 9, 1962, on the ground that it lacked jurisdiction, since no appeal was filed within ten days after sentence had been pronounced on June 26, 1962, as required by statute (while the matter was before the Supreme Court of the State of California on the writ of prohibition).

Appellant then filed for a writ of *habeas corpus* with the Superior Court of the State of California, for the County of Los Angeles, which was denied by said court on August 23, 1962.

Appellant then petitioned for a writ of *habeas corpus* to the District Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, for the State of California, which petition was denied on September 13, 1962.

Appellant then petitioned the Supreme Court of the State of California for writ of *habeas corpus*, which was denied by said Supreme Court on October 10, 1962.

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On October 4, 1962, appellant filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus with the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division, and his petition was denied on the ground that his State remedies had not been exhausted, i.e., that a petition for a writ of certiorari, to review the decision of the Supreme Court of the State of California denying the writ of habeas corpus, had not been filed with or acted upon by the Supreme Court of the United States.

A stay of execution of the sentence of the Municipal Court of the Los Angeles Judicial District, County of Los Angeles, State of California, was granted by the said Municipal Court until October 4, 1962. A further stay of execution was granted by the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division, until such time as petitioner could petition the Supreme Court of the State of California for a stay of execution pending the filing of a petition with the Supreme Court of the United States for writ of certiorari, and for further stay, but no later than November 26, 1962. The petition for stay of execution was denied by the Supreme Court of the State of California on or about November 10, 1962, and the petition for a stay of execution

filed before this Honorable Court was denied by the Honorable Mr. Justice Douglas on November 21, 1962. Thereafter, and on November 21, 1962, the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division, ordered a stay of execution of sentence, "pending the filing of petitioner's (appellant's) application for a writ of certiorari with the Supreme Court of the United States, and not later than January 3, 1963," and further ordered that such stay should continue "pending said filing and disposition of said writ of certiorari." Application for writ of certiorari was denied.

On August 20, 1965, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division, the Honorable Jesse W. Curtis signed a restraining order which prohibited local authorities from interfering in any manner with the liberty of appellant herein, pending his petition for writ of habeas corpus before said court. Said cause was transferred to the Honorable Leon R. Yankwich, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division. Judge Yankwich denied appellant's petition for writ of habeas corpus, without hearing, on November 16, 1965.

Thereafter, this appeal was filed with the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

REASON FOR GRANTING WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

 Appellant is entitled, under the due-process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, to be tried by the established rules of procedure determined by the legislature.

> People v. Horiuchi, 114 Cal. App. 415;

People v. Gilbert, 25 Cal. 2d 422.

As stated in *Garner v. Louisiana*, 7 L. Ed. 2d 207, at page 214:

"...it is as much a denial of due process to send an accused to prison following conviction for a charge that was never made as it is to convict him upon a charge for which there is no evidence to support his conviction."

"Constitutional safeguards for the protection of all who are charged with offenses are not to be disregarded in order to inflict merited punishment on some who are guilty."

Ex Parte Richard Quirin, 63 S. Ct. 22, 87 L. Ed. 3.

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"The State is free to regulate the procedure of its courts in accordance with its own conceptions of policy, unless in so doing it 'offends some principle of justice so rooted in the tradition and conscience of our people as to be ranked as fundamental.' But 'the State may not permit an accused to be hurried to conviction. . . .' Moore v. Dempsey, 261 U.S. 86, 91, 67 L. Ed. 543."

Voight v. Webb, 47 F. Supp. 743, 746.

Under our vaunted legal system, no man, however bad his behavior, may be convicted of a crime of which he was not charged, proven and found guilty in accordance with due process.

Parr v. United States, 363 U.S. 370.

If the complaint filed in this case against appellant was not filed by the arresting officer, as is a mandatory requirement under the statute, then no complaint was actually filed against him, and appellant was found guilty and convicted for a charge that was never properly made in the court. This is a denial of due process under the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. It is settled that if the defendant has not been legally committed and if the trial court erroneously denies the motion to set aside and permits the action to proceed

it is otherwise provided by law in section 40306 of the California Vehicle Code. Furthermore, it would seem to be pertinent that said section 40306 is found in the Vehicle Code, which deals with misdemeanors and felonies in connection with vehicular activities, whereas section 740 of the Penal Code of the State of California is concerned generally with public offenses. Specific statutes take precedence over general statutes.

"Since the plain meaning of a statute must be followed, courts are prohibited from speculating that the legislature meant something other than what it said."

Los Angeles County v. Read (1951) 193 Cal. App. 748, 14 Cal. Rptr. 628.

"...'a general (statutory) provision is controlled by one that is special, the latter (special) being treated as an exception to the former (general). A specific provision relating to a particular subject will govern in respect to that subject, as against general provisions, although the latter (general provision), standing alone, would be broad enough to include the subject to which the more particular provision relates.'

Rose v. State, 19 Cal. 2d 713, 723-724 ..."

Los Angeles v. Pacific Elec. Ry. Co. (1959) 168 Cal. App. 2d 224, 335 P. 2d

1042. (Parenthetical words supplied for clarity.)

See also:

Richarson v. San Diego (1951) 193 Cal. App. 2d 648, 14 Cal. Rptr. 494;

People v. Perez (1951) 198 ACA 489, 18 Cal. Rptr. 164.

LIBERAL OR STRICT CONSTRUCTION: The defendant in a criminal case is entitled to the benefit of every reasonable doubt as to the true interpretation of words or the construction of language in a statute.

People v. Holtzendorff (1960) 177 Cal. App. 2d 788, 2 Cal. Rptr. 676.

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Wallace v. State Personnel Board (1959) 168 Cal. App. 2d 543, 336 P. 2d 223.

SPECIAL AND GENERAL STATUTE: A special statute dealing expressly with a particular subject controls and takes precedence over a general statute covering the same subject.

Simpson v. Cranston (1961) 56 Cal. 2d 63, 362 P. 2d 492. NECESSITY FOR CONSTRUCTION - UNAMBIGUOUS

STATUTE: If a statute is clear, courts should enforce the legislative intent as disclosed thereby.

Efron v. Kalmanovitz (1960) 185 Cal. App. 2d 149, 8 Cal. Rptr. 107.

2) It is elementary that public officials must themselves obey the law.

Wirin v. Parker, 48 Cal. 2d 890, 894.

When a statute is passed by the legislature of a State, setting out in particularity what shall happen when a vehicular misdemeanor occurs, and making it mandatory that what shall happen must happen with respect to a complaint stating an offense against the person being charged for the vehicular misdemeanor, and the State and its officers intentionally flaunt the plain wording of the statute, then the person so arrested is being denied the equal protection of the law and due process under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. The purpose of the equal-protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment is to secure to every person within the States' jurisdiction, protection against intentional and arbitrary discrimination, whether occasioned by express

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terms of a statute or by its improper execution through duly constituted agents.

Sunday Lake Iron Company v.
Township of Wakefield,
247 U. S. 352.

An actual discrimination arising from the method of administering the law is a potential in creating a denial of equality of rights guaranteed by the law.

Rogers v. State of Alabama, 192 U. S. 226.

A State is not required by the United States Constitution to provide different sets of procedural criminal statutes for different types of crimes; but where different sets of criminal procedural statutes are provided by a State, it cannot deny the right to a person allegedly guilty under one statute providing one procedure by complaining against him under a different statute providing a different procedure.

Griffin v. Illinois, 351 U.S. 12, 100 L. Ed. 891.

A conviction under section 23101 of the Vehicle Code of the State of California is deemed a conviction malum in se. A conviction under a comparable statute in the State of Michigan was so deemed.

People v. Townsend, 214 Mich. 267.

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In the State of California, the courts have recognized that the requisite feloneous intent for conviction under section 23101 of the Vehicle Code is the equivalent of that necessary for a conviction under section 23102 of the Vehicle Code. See:

People v. Gossman, 95 Cal. App. 2d 293,

holding that a charge under former section 501 of the Vehicle Code will support a conviction under former section 502 of the Vehicle Code - those former sections being present sections 23101 and 23102, respectively, of the Vehicle Code.

The ordinary misdemeanor prosecution procedure is as set out in section 740 of the Penal Code of the State of California. But the misdemeanor with which appellant is charged under section 23102 of the Vehicle Code is not an ordinary misdemeanor. It is a misdemeanor for which, under section 40302 of the Vehicle Code of the State of California, subparagraph (d), the person arrested shall (must) be taken without unnecessary delay before a magistrate. Under section 40306 of the Vehicle Code, when the person is arrested and taken before the magistrate, he is entitled to have the arresting officer file with the magistrate a complaint stating the offense for which he is charged. Such rights are not required by the law for arrests of

ordinary misdemeanors under section 740 of the Penal Code of the State of California. Nowhere else in the Vehicle Code is there a statute permitting the filing of the complaint by anyone other than the arresting officer.

The equal-protection clause of the Fourteenth

Amendment to the Constitution of the United States applies
to a criminal case.

Griffin v. Illinois, supra, 351 U. S. 12, 16 - 18.

J. W. Fletcher was not the officer who arrested appellant, either with or without a warrant. He was not a witness to the alleged misdemeanor. He had no personal knowledge of the facts set out in the complaint. He had no information or belief upon which to base his filing of the complaint against the appellant. His only knowledge with respect to appellant's alleged violation was what he gleaned from the arresting police report, which may or may not have been true. The fact that the complaint may have appeared to have been valid upon its face does not grant the court jurisdiction over the appellant.

United States v. Langsdale, 115 F. Supp. 489;

United States Ex. Rel. King. v. Gokey, 32 F. 2d 793;

United States v. Baumart, 179 Fed. 735;

United States v. Wells, 225 Fed. 320;

United States v. Ruroede, 220 Fed. 210.

In Wells v. Justice, 181 Cal. App. 2d 221, at page 225, the California Appellate Court set forth the following:

"'The preliminary complaint in criminal proceedings is merely an allegation in writing, signed by a person who knows the facts, . . . ' (People v. Tibbitts, 71 Cal. App. 709, 711, 712 . . .)" (Emphasis ours.)

When a complaint is stated upon information and belief, there is no presumption that the complaint is made on the personal knowledge of the officer complainant.

Giordenello v. United States, 357 U. S. 460, 486.

A trial court which accepts with approval the fruits of a long chain of constitutional and statutory infringements becomes the consummate force in the denial of due process. When the trial court permits itself, under the pressure of a sense of devotion to law enforcement by the State, to become the pinnacle of a pyramid of

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indignities, offensive to the sense of justice, it loses jurisdiction and is without authority of law to pronounce a valid judgment and sentence.

Leyra v. Denno, 347 U. S. 556, 98 L. Ed. 948.

3) The arrest report in question herein was introduced into evidence as an exhibit of the People. On the face of that report it is quite apparent that appellant was not warned that statements made by him could be used against him, nor was he advised that he was entitled to the right of counsel.

In Escobedo v. Illinois, 378 U. S. 478, at page 490, the Court firmly established that where the police have determined that a person is a prime suspect in supposing he may have committed a crime, said suspect is entitled to an attorney, and questioning which is aimed at eliciting testimony against the suspect is to be prohibited and any statements excluded.

In *People v. Dorado*, 62 Cal. 2d 338, the court held that a defendant could not be charged with the waiver of the privilege against self-incrimination unless it appears that he was aware of its existence and

its surrounding safeguards and voluntarily and intelligently elected to refrain from asserting it. No such evidence exists here. The arrest report, as improper as it may be, clearly seems to indicate that a person in appellant's position as described in the police report, certainly would not be capable of understanding his rights against self-incrimination as provided by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

FAILURE TO TAKE AN APPEAL FROM A STATE COURT CONVICTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A BAR TO A REMEDY BY HABEAS CORPUS IN A FEDERAL COURT

Appellant has pointed out that he filed an appeal (dismissed on motion of the court) with the Appellate Department of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles subsequent to the decision of the California State Supreme Court. The same question, the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court, was intended as a substantial ground for appeal; but under the California procedural rules, a decision of the highest court of the State on the question of jurisdiction could not have been had in any event, on an appeal, and an earlier filing of an appeal with the Superior Court would have withdrawn an

opportunity for the California State Supreme Court to decide the question.

So long as the highest court of the State has had the facts before it, the determination of the appellant not to proceed by way of an appeal is not determinative of his right to a writ of habeas corpus from a federal court. This, in effect, is the holding in Garton v. Tinsley, 171 F. Supp. 387, at 389.

That case is in accord with the United States

Supreme Court holding in Brown v. Allen, 344 U. S. 443,

97 L. Ed. 469, to the effect that, so long as the prisoner chooses at least one alternative method in which to bring the question before the highest court in the State, he will be deemed to have exhausted his State remedies within the meaning of Title 28, United States Code, section 2254. (Note, en passant, appellant has chosen the two methods available to bring the question before the California State Supreme Court; i.e., by writ of prohibition, by State writ of habeas corpus.) In Brown v. Allen, supra, Justice Frankfurter, in speaking for the Court, said (344 U. S. at 502):

"Failure to exhaust an available state remedy is an obvious ground

for denying the application. An attempt must have been made in the state court to present the claim now asserted in the district court, in compliance with section 2254 of the Judicial Code. Section 2254 does not, however, require repeated attempts to invoke the same remedy nor more than one attempt where there are alternative remedies. Further, Darr v. Burford requires 'ordinarily' an application for certiorari to the United States Supreme Court from the state's denial of relief. cf. Frisbie v. Collins. 342 US 519, 520-522, 96 L. Ed. 541, 544, 545; 72 S. Ct. 509."

> STAGES OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE STATE COURTS AT WHICH, AND THE MANNER IN WHICH, THE FEDERAL QUESTIONS SOUGHT TO BE REVIEWED WERE RAISED

The federal questions of due process and equal protection under the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States were raised by argument of counsel for appellant on motion to dismiss on March 21, 1962 and March 26, 1962 in the Municipal Court of the Los Angeles District; and appellant's counsel's argument and brief before the District Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, State of California, upon petition for writ of prohibition before said court, in paragraph XI thereof, which is quoted as follows:

"That said respondent should be restrained from proceeding with said sentencing for the reason that the complaint herein is void and ineffectual to confer jurisdiction upon respondent court to try your petitioner for the offense charged therein on the following grounds:

"The constitutional guarantee of due process afforded the petitioner by the United States Constitution and the 14th Amendment has been violated by said respondent, Municipal Court, in the following respects:

- "1. Section 40302 of the Vehicle Code provides that a person charged with violation of Section 23102(a) shall be taken before a magistrate within the county in which the offense charged is alleged to have been committed and who has jurisdiction of the offense and is nearest and most accessible with respect to the place where the arrest is made.
- "2. Section 40306 of the Vehicle Code provides that in the event a person is arrested for a misdemeanor and is taken before a magistrate, the arresting officer shall file with the magistrate a complaint stating the offense with which the person is charged (emphasis added).
- "3. Section 15 of the Vehicle Code provides that the word 'shall' is mandatory and the word 'may' is permissive.
- "4. Where a statute restricts the making of a complaint to certain persons, it may be made by such person only.

"The unconditional guarantee of equal protection of the law afforded the petitioner by the United States Constitution and the 14th Amendment has been violated by said respondent court."

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Appellant also raised the federal questions in his petitions for writs of prohibition and writs of *habeas corpus* before all of the other courts of the State of California in which said petitions have been filed by counsel for appellant.

The federal questions presented in this appeal were raised before the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division, in appellant's petition for a writ of habeas corpus which was filed August 20, 1965, and which was denied; but since that Honorable Body refused to grant a hearing on an order to show cause why the writ should not be issued, no evidence to support appellant's position before the United States District Court is available.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, appellant prays this Honorable Court set aside the decision of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division, and make the following order:

Dismiss this appeal, without prejudice,
 and transfer this cause back to the United States

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District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division, and order the trial judge to allow appellant herein to amend his petition for writ of *habeas corpus*, and

- 2) Instruct the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division, either to issue a writ of *habeas corpus* or to issue an order directing respondent to show cause why the writ should not be issued, and
 - 3) Have a hearing thereon, or
 - 4) Issue writ of habeas corpus.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN N. FROLICH Attorney for Appellant.

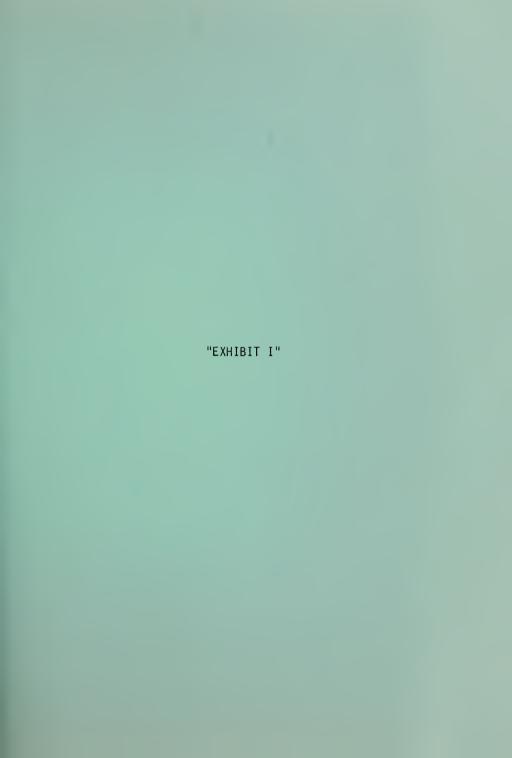
CERTIFICATE

I certify that in connection with the preparation of this brief, I have examined Rules 18 and 19 of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and that in my opinion the foregoing brief is in full compliance with those rules.

DATED: June 5, 1966, at Los Angeles, California.

Signature of Counsel

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"EXHIBIT I"

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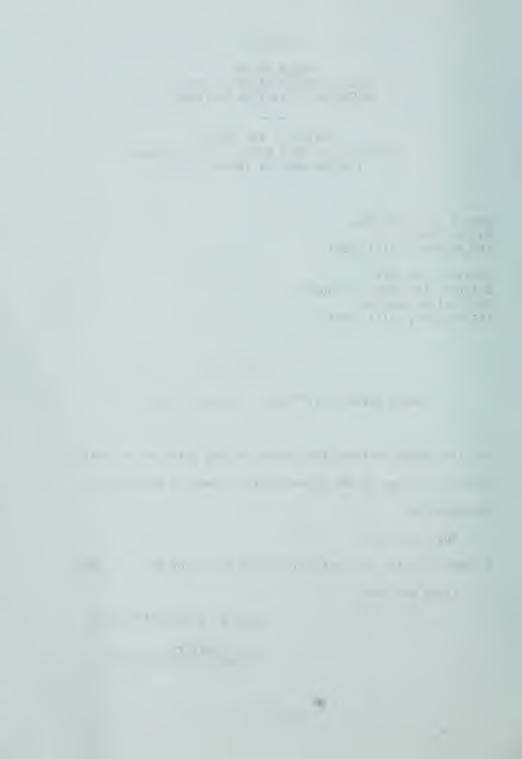
You are hereby notified that Order Denying Petition for Writ of *Habeas Corpus* in the above-entitled case was entered in the docket on

Nov. 16, 1965.

I hereby certify that this notice was mailed on Nov. 16, 1965. (copy enclosed)

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of Los Angeles

SS.

I, the undersigned, say: I am and was at all times herein mentioned, a citizen of the United States and employed in the County of Los Angeles, over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within action or proceeding; that

My business address is 215 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, California 90013, that on June 5 1, 1966, I served the within APPEAL FROM DENIAL OF PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS BY THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, CENTRAL DIVISION (No. 20649) on the following named parties by depositing a copy thereof, inclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States Post Office in the City of Los Angeles, California, addressed to said parties at the addresses as follows:

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